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- 1. TODAY'S PRO-GOP TABLOID "CRITICA" FRONT PAGES UPI WASH-INGTON DATELINE STORY HEADED "YANKEE STATE DEPT. CONSULTING WITH PANAMA ABOUT AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT". ITEM RECAPS THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE CASE GIVEN BY SENATOR SCHWEIKER IN HIS PUBLIC STATEMENT AND QUOTES HIS "SURPRISE THAT THE PANAM-ANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT ADEQUATELY COMPENSATED MRS. BROWN (SIC) FOR INJURIES CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF ITS DIPLOMAT".
- 2. DEPARTMENT'S PRESS SPOKESMAN IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "WE REGRET THIS TRAGIC ACCIDENT AND ARE CONTINUING OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PANAMANIAN AUTHORITIES ON THE CASE". SPOKESMAN'S UNWILLINGNESS TO COMMENT ON SENATOR SCHWEIKER'S PROPOSAL IS ALSO NOTED.
- 3. STORY QUOTES PANAMANIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AS HAVING NO OFFICIAL COMMENT ON CASE, BUT REPORTS "A DIPLOMAT" AS SAYING THAT "WE CAN THINK OF AT LEAST 6,000 CASES WHERE PANAMANIANS HAVE SUFFERED" FROM THE ACTIONS OF THE AMERICANS IN THE CANAL ZONE.
- 4. AP VERSION OF THE STORY, FRONTPAGED IN THIS MORNING'S "LA ESTRELLA", QUOTES THE SPOKESMAN AS STATING THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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"THE DEPARTMENT OF STATEE WILL CONTINUE PRESSING (RECLAMANDO) THE PANAMANIAN AUTHORITIES TO INDEMNIFY DR. HALLA BROWN".

5. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL COMMENT ON THE STORY HERE

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